



The SPCA of Monterey County

An Independent, donor supported humane society serving the community since 1905.

March 27, 2002

The Honorable Robert O'Farrell
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Monterey County
P.O. Box 1819
Salinas, CA 93902

Dear Judge O'Farrell:

Attached are the responses of our governing body as required by Section 933 and 933.05 of the California Penal Code, to the **Findings** and **Recommendations** in the 2001 Monterey County Grand Jury Final Report dated January 2, 2002.

The responses were approved by the Board of Directors of The SPCA, our governing body, on March 27, 2002.

Sincerely,

Barbara Baldock
President of the Board of Directors

Attachments: Response to Finding
Response to Recommendations

GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT TITLE

ANIMAL SERVICES IN MONTEREY COUNTY

RESPONSE TO FINDINGS by The SPCA of Monterey County – a non-governmental agency
[as required by Section 933.05(a) California Penal Code] (Agency)

Finding #	Check One §933.05(a)	(1) (2)	Specify the portion of the Finding that is disputed and include an explanation of the reasons therefor.
From Grand Jury Final Report	The respondent agrees with the Findings	The respondent disagrees wholly or partially with Finding; see next column	CONTINUE ON ATTACHED SHEETS AS NECESSARY
1	✓		
2	✓		

GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT TITLED ANIMAL SERVICES IN MONTEREY COUNTY
RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION The SPCA of Monterey County – a non-governmental agency
 [as required by Section 933.05(b) California Penal Code] (Agency)

Rec. #	Check One §933.05(b)				Time frame, explanation, summary (attached), etc.
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
From Grand Jury Final Report	Has been implemented, include summary of action	Will be implemented, include time frame	Requires further analysis, include time frame	Will not be implemented, include explanation	
1				N/A	<p>Since the early 1960's nearly 100,000 pets have been sterilized by The SPCA. The Respondent has allocated and continues to allocate a significant portion of its non-profit budget to operating a low cost veterinary sterilization clinic thereby preventing the births of hundreds of thousands of unwanted pets in our community. In addition to sterilizing the projected 2,500 animals it will adopt to our community this year, it also provides sterilization services at a reasonable cost to the public. Even lower costs are offered to governmental animal control shelters and animal protection organizations that qualify under IRC 501 (c)(3). The SPCA can expand sterilization services offered to Marina, Salinas, and Monterey County if these governmental entities will allocate funds sufficient to cover The SPCA's actual costs for providing this service. (The Respondent has indicated "not applicable" because it is not one of the governmental entities requested to implement the recommendation by the Grand Jury.)</p>
2				N/A	<p>The Respondent has been engaged in providing education programs to residents of Monterey County that increase the public's awareness of animal care and responsibility since 1905. In 1976, The SPCA constructed its Humane Education Center specifically dedicated to the delivery of animal care and awareness programs to the public with heavy emphasis on the prevention of pet overpopulation. It currently employs a full time Humane Educator who is a duly appointed Humane Investigator, companion animal trainer, and a former Animal Control Officer. The Respondent believes that the most effective use of any new funds that the Board of Supervisors may allocate to animal care and responsibility education will be most effectively spent in support of collaborative efforts between Monterey County and The SPCA to enhance The SPCA's long standing quality education program rather than funding a new program that would duplicate The SPCA's existing program. (Respondent has indicated "not applicable" because the Grand Jury recommendation is directed to the Board of Supervisors and not to the Respondent.)</p>